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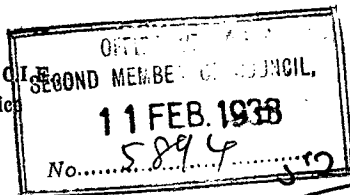
SUBJECT

Copy of letter forwarded to have  
written by Mr. B. Chengalaraya  
Reddi to Mr. Subash Chandra  
Bose.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

LATER REFERENCES.

AMILTON, Esq., Chief  
Director-General of Police  
in Mysore.



CB 1605  
BANGALORE

10th February 1938.

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am sending herewith a copy of letter purported to have written by Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi to Mr. Subash Chandra Bose, for the information of Government.

It is also learnt that Mr. Reddi is now openly expressing that in view of series of correspondence that he had with Mr. Nehru, is blowing hot and cold in his correspondence.

For perusal.

Deputy  
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Yours sincerely,

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10.2.38

*[Signature]*

B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,  
Chief Secretary to the Government of  
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,  
Bangalore.

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Copy of the letter purported to have been addressed to Mr. Subash Chandra Bose, President of the Indian National Congress, by Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi.

I, on behalf of the Mysore State Congress Board and also on behalf of myself offer my heartfelt congratulations to you. The spontaneous reverence and also the appreciation of the public has been reflected on your being elected as the President of the Indian National Congress unanimously.

I fully appreciate your varied programme of activities, especially, the detenus question and other immediate and vital problems - connected with Bengal. Nevertheless, I due to the various circumstances was obliged to approach you for guidance and advice to some of the problems connected with Mysore. I wish to draw your attention to the repressive policy of the Government of Mysore, for the last six months and as a result of which several of my old and dear colleagues were either asked to furnish security for good behaviour or serving sentences under varying sections of the Indian Penal Code, sedition being prompt. I herewith enclose a pamphlet called "Repression in Mysore" in which the various prohibitory orders promulgated by Government from time to time against the public workers belonging to Mysore and also British Indian Provinces, are given. The Board had invited several prominent congress men from outside to come to Mysore for propaganda and they had in clear terms expressed their opinion that the Government of Mysore had inaugurated the era of repression. Prominent advocates, rich and respectable non-officials

were booked for good behaviour. Plain facts and the present appalling conditions of the ryots are taken as seditious speeches and heavy sentences imposed. The letter from Poet Rabindra nath, President of the All India Civil Liberties Union, to the President of the Mysore Civil Liberties Union, <sup>has stated</sup> that the policy of the Government is repressive and the public workers especially lovers of Civil Liberties should carry on their agitation for their fundamental liberties.

Government, I am sorry to say, are adopting all kinds of vile, ill-becoming and most vicious methods to ~~counteract~~ counteract the legitimate work of the Mysore Congress Board. Instances are various. Handful of unscrupulous non-officials who command no confidence, either of the public or of their friends are being used as tools to convene public meetings and to denounce openly our activities. We are not perturbed over this and the public also give them lie direct when only the officials of the locality attended the meeting. Another party has been formed called the 'Nationalist Party' in fact, an anti-national and ~~Toddy~~ party virtually pulled by the head of the administration and some of those members of the so-called National Party who have no other ostensible means of livelihood are selling their self-respect and confidence for a few rupees of the Government. I do not ~~p~~ want to prolong this letter by drawing your attention to the numerous other methods but confine myself to the question at issue.

The popular press supports the congress while some mush room press and defunct papers

all of a sudden come out with glaring headlines condemning our activities. They have neither resources to run the press nor principles to be advocated. The less said about this, is better.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramiah and Mr. Balavantha Rao Mehta who were deputed by the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, to tour the Mysore State and report about the present condition of Mysore, had submitted their reports. Dr. Pat-tabhi Sitaramiah admitted that there is repression in Mysore.

In pursuance of the letter of Pandit Nehru, we sought an interview with the Dewan in order to clarify the attitude of the Government towards the congress activities. I met the Dewan twice and made ourselves clear about the programme of our activities. Again I interviewed important leaders who are in-jail and with their consent formulated the following four demands to be placed before the Dewan-

- 1) Withdrawal of externment order against B.N. Gupta;
- 2) Withdrawal of the cases launched against the congressmen;
- 3) release of all Political prisoners; and
- 4) a Committee to be constituted to go into the question of reforms which should be fully represented by the Congress.

I do not know what will be the attitude of Government towards this, but still in good faith I place these demands before the head of the administration and will write again about the results.

We know your sympathy for the Indian States

which are mostly ruled by autocratic princes, puppet ministers like old feudal lords. The Government either allows the public organisations to go and educate their countrymen or they themselves take the initiative to eradicate the appalling poverty, colossal unemployment and inequitious taxation. While huge sums of money are criminally spent over ~~the~~ beautification and in inviting ~~leaders~~ both foreign and Indian public leaders, an ordinary ryot who contributes to the coffers of the State is denied even a square meal. The Government are very anxious to take certificates from those leaders who happen to be their guests and who are taken to those places which are mainly designed to attract them. When the All India Congress Committee passed a resolution requesting the congress to interfere with Mysore, Gandhiji contended that the resolution was ultra vires and even impeached the characters of those who talked in favour of the resolution.

We work for the Indian National Congress and in <sup>their</sup> ~~them~~ we expect their help and co-operation. At least we will be glad if the congress will not hinder our activities if not support us.

The recent decision of the working Committee regarding the States came to us not as a surprise but as a foregone conclusion. In fact, we wanted to have our own organisation with our own programme compatible with the conditions prevailing locally. But as the President of the Indian National Congress, we expect from you, your guidance and advice in this matter. We expect your lead for the States while our neighbouring provinces with popular ministries are doing the reforms calculated to improve the conditions and

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these reforms have their own repercussions in  
Mysore.

I appeal to you, Sir, to go through this  
letter patiently and to give your valuable lead  
in the matter.

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Bangalore city.  
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